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1. KING HASSAN'S REMARKS (REFTEL) WERE MADE ON JANUARY 20, 1978 IN AN INTERVIEW WITH GALAL KINSHK, REPORTER OF LEBANESE MAGAZINE AL-HAWADETH. EGYPTIAN DAILY AL-GUMHURIYYA PUBLISHED THIS LENGTHY INTERVIEW, WHICH DEALT WITH THE SADAT PEACE INITIATIVE, SAHARA PROBLEM, TUNISIA AND MOROCCO'S EAST-WEST RELATIONS, JANUARY 26 BY SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH HAWADETH.

2. REMARKS ON TUNISIA FOLLOW:

"WHEN THE LATEST CABINET RESHUFFLE TOOK PLACE IN TUNISIA A BIG NUMBER OF MINISTRIES WERE INVOLVED INCLUDING A NUMBER OF MINISTERS WHOM WE PERSONALLY KNOW AND ARE OUR FRIENDS. SEVERAL COUNTRIES QUICKLY SENT ENVOYS TO TUNISIA TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE SITUATION AND KNOW THE REASONS OF THE CRISIS. MOROCCO, HOWEVER, DID NOT SEND ANYBODY BECAUSE WE CONSIDERED THIS A DOMESTIC ISSUE. FURTHERMORE PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAS WISDOM AND
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ENJOYS POPULARITY IN HIS COUNTRY AND THIS MAKES HIM CAPABLE OF SOLVING HIS PROBLEMS ALONE. I GOT IN TOUCH WITH HIM BY PHONE, AND I FOUND HIM FULL OF ENTHUSIASM AND YOUTH. HE EXPRESSED HIS CONTEMPT OF THE CRISIS WHICH HE JOKINGLY CALLED "MINI CRISIS". I CONGRATULATED HIM ON HIS VITALITY AND ACTIVITY AND FOR BEING WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE SITUATION.

"BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT NEWS AND PRESS REPORTS ARE DEVOID OF TRUTH. THERE IS A DOMESTIC PROBLEM NAMELY THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE TRADE UNION (THE LABOR FEDERATION). AND SINCE THE POSITION MUST BE REFLECTED IN THE FORM OF DISTURBANCE. I ALWAYS USED TO SAY TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AS ADVICE COMING FROM THE SMALL TO THE BIG THAT THE ONE-PARTY-SYSTEM IS NEEDED DURING THE STAGE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION. IT IS THE TOOL OF THE NATION IN RECOVERING SOVEREIGNTY, SO THAT THE PEOPLE MAY NOT BE DIVIDED IN CONFRONTING THE FOREIGN FOE.

"BUT AFTER INDEPENDENCE, THE STATE FACES A DANGER WHEN THE ONE PARTY OR THE ONE TRADE UNION BECOMES THE GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE. THEIR PROBLEMS WILL BECOME THE PROBLEMS OF THE STATE. ALL PARTIES AND FORMATIONS, LIKE HUMAN BEINGS, GO THROUGH STAGES. THEY ARE BORN AND GO THROUGH THE STAGE OF YOUTH AND MATURITY. THEN THEY REACH OLD AGE AND WEAKNESS WHICH LEAD TO DIVISION. IF THEY CONSTITUTE THE BACKBONE OF THE STATE, THE DISEASES OF THE PARTY WILL LEAVE THEIR IMPRINTS ON THE STATE. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY ADVICE TO ALLOW PLURALITY OF PARTIES AND TRADE UNIONS THAT THEY MAY CARRY OUT THEIR LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES, RENEW THEIR VITALITY AND THUS THE STATES, KEEBNSQCGBYNOM#THEIR CONFLICTS AND TROUBLES. THIS, OF COURSE, IS MY OWN VIEWPOINT.

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"THIS IS THE NUCLEUS OF THE PROBLEM. THERE IS ALSO THE LIBYAN-ALGERIAN CONFLICT. EACH WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MULTATION AND THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THEM IS OLD. I HAVE APPREHENSIONS THAT THIS COMPETITION TAKE A NEW FORM AND TUNISIA WOULD BE THE VICTIM." EILTS

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